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CRITICISM

OTTAWA CITIZEN OF SEPTEMBER 15 CARRIED FOLLOWING
ARTICLE CAPTIONED "STANFIELD KNOCKS 'IMPOSED' OIL
POLICY":

BEGIN TEXT

THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT DECISION TO IMPOSE THE
ALBERTA OIL EXPORT LEVY HAS PROMPTED HARSH CRITICISM
FROM CONSERVATIVE LEADER STANFIELD.

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THE POLICY ANNOUNCEMENT, WHICH CAME ABOUT FOUR MONTHS AHEAD OF INDUSTRY EXPECTATIONS AND SHOWED EVIDENCE OF EXTREME HASTE, ANGERED PREMIER LOUGHEED, AND MR. STANFIELD SAID FRIDAY HE DOESN'T BLAME THE ALBERTA LEADER.

INSTEAD OF A PROMISED ROUND OF FEDERAL-PROVINCIAL DISCUSSIONS ON THE GOVERNMENT'S 600-PAGE JUNE ENERGY PAPER, MR. STANFIELD SAW ONLY AN IMPOSED POLICY.

THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, ACCORDING TO MR. STANFIELD, "SUDDENLY OFF THE TOP OF ITS HEAD IN ORDER TO GET THROUGH A PARLIAMENTARY CONFRONTATION" DEvised THE TWO-PRICE OIL PLAN.

"I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE IMPLICATIONS ARE AND I DON'T THINK THAT ENERGY MINISTER MACDONALD DOES EITHER," MR. STANFIELD SAID, REFUSING TO SAY HOW HE WOULD SPLIT UP THE EXPORT TAX WITH THE PROVINCE.

"I CAN'T REALLY CONcIEVE THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA WOULD IMPOSE AN EXPORT TAX ON ALBERTA OIL AND TRY TO KEEP ALL THE PROCEEDS," HE SAID, SUGGESTING THAT "ORDERLY CONSULTATIONS" ARE THE ONLY PROPER FORERUNNERS OF A NEW ENERGY POLICY.

THE FEDERAL TORY LEADER ACCUSED MR. MACDONALD OF "BACKING AND FILLING" ON THE OIL POLICY ORIGINALLY ANNOUNCED ON SEPTEMBER 4, TO THE POINT WHERE IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO UNDERSTAND WHAT HE MEANS BY IT.

MR. MACDONALD'S ADMISSION WHAT THE GOVERNMENT DIDN'T CONSULT WASHINGTON OR THE PROVINCES IN ADVANCE OF ITS TWO-PRICE OIL ANNOUNCEMENT ALSO PROMPTED MR. STANFIELD TO WARN THAT CANADA'S ACTION IS "CERTAINLY NOT GOING TO IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH THE U.S. GOVERNMENT OR WITH THE JUNIOR GOVERNMENTS." END OF TEXT.
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